MESSAGE

FROM THE

Preſident of the United States,

TRANSMITTING

A REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT.

February 20, 1801,
Ordered to lie on the Table.

February 21, 1801,
Referred to the Committee of Reviſal and Unfiniſhed Buſineſs.

Publiſhed by order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives.

Gentlemen of the Senate and
Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives,

I TRANSMIT to Congreſs a report, received this morning, from Elias Boudinot, Eſquire, Director of the Mint, dated Feb. 13, 1801, which will require the attention and deciſion of Congreſs before the cloſe of the ſeſſion.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES,
Feb. 20, 1801.

REPORT.

To the PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES.

The Report of the Director of the Mint.

THE Director conſiders it his duty to inform the Preſident, that Monday laſt was the day directed by law on which the aſſays of the reſerved pieces of coin ſhould be made in the preſence of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treaſury, the Comptroller of the Treaſury, the Chief Juſtice and Attorney-General; but none of thoſe officers have attended, nor could indeed have been expected; and the Director has not been informed of any other proviſion yet made by law to accompliſh the ſame purpoſe.—By this means not only the cheque eſtabliſhed by law on the coin of the United States, is fruſtrated, but the reſerved pieces are ſtill locked up, and the depoſitors complain of being thus deprived of the uſe of their property.—The deſign of bringing this ſubject before the Preſident is, that the Director may be inſtructed what ſteps to take on this occaſion.

It is alſo neceſſary to inform the Preſident, that by the act of Congreſs of the 16th of July 1790, all offices attached to the ſeat of government, ſhall be removed to the diſtrict accepted for the ſeat of government of the United States by the ſaid act, by their reſpective holders, on the firſt Monday in December, 1800, and ſhall, after the ſaid day, ceaſe to be executed elſewhere: But by an act of the laſt ſeſſion of Congreſs, the Mint is to remain at Philadelphia till the fourth day of March next, any thing in the ſaid act to the contrary notwithſtanding.—This act expires on the

fourth day of March next, and unleſs ſome other proviſion is made by law before that day, it will be difficult to aſcertain the duty of the Director, except to prevent any further operation of the Mint at Philadelphia.—He wiſhes therefore, for inſtructions from the Preſident, as to his conduct with regard to the Mint, in caſe further proviſion, by law, ſhould not be made: At all events the public property here ſhould be attended to.

All which is reſpectfully ſubmitted to the Preſident.

ELIAS BOUDINOT, *Director.*

MINT *of the* UNITED STATES,
February 13, 1801.